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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 18, 2003, please consider the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendment to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.